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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A METHOD AND A SYSTEM	FOR DETECTING COMMUNICATION	ON RELAYING NETWORK ELEMENTS
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I. Basis of the report

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2. Citations and explanations see separate sheet



Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

- 1. The invention relates to a method for detecting network elements relaying communications between a base station and a mobile station.
- 2. Problem: How to detect a relaying element relaying a communication between a base station and a mobile station?

Solution: An increase in time delay is detected.

3. According to D1 (= WO-A-96/07250) a message (page 5, line 20) is added by the relaying network element to a control field regarding the time delay. Thus, no detection of an increase in time delay has to take place. Consequently, the solution according to the invention is non-obvious.

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NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE COMMUNICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION TO THE DESIGNATED OFFICES

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

08 September 1998 (08.09.98)

Applicant

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Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has communicated, as provided in Article 20, the international application
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In accordance with Rule 47.1(c), third sentence, those Offices will accept the present Notice as conclusive evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicated above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s).

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The communication will be made to those Offices only upon their request. Furthermore, those Offices do not require the applicant to furnish a copy of the international application (Rule 49.1(a-bis)).

 Enclosed with this Notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on 16 March 2000 (16.03.00) under No. WO 00/14906

REMINDER REGARDING CHAPTER II (Article 31(2)(a) and Rule 54.2)

If the applicant wishes to postpone entry into the national phase until 30 months (or later in some Offices) from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date.

It is the applicant's sole responsibility to monitor the 19-month time limit.

Note that only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination.

REMINDER REGARDING ENTRY INTO THE NATIONAL PHASE (Article 22 or 39(1))

If the applicant wishes to proceed with the international application in the national phase, he must, within 20 months or 30 months, or later in some Offices, perform the acts referred to therein before each designated or elected Office.

For further important information on the time limits and acts to be performed for entering the national phase, see the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 (Notification of Receipt of Record Copy) and Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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In figure 1b a floor plan identical to the floor plan in figure 1a is shown. However, in figure 1b a radio repeater 14 is placed so that the coverage area 15 of the radio repeater 14 covers the dead zone 13 of the base station 11, shown in figure 1a.

In figure 2 it is shown how a mobile station 21b, situated behind an obstacle 22 in a dead zone of the base station 11 communicates with the base station 11 via a radio repeater 14. When a mobile station 21b is used, the radio repeater 14 receives the communication and transmits it to the base station 11, typically using the same channel, although in some cases the use of channel changing radio repeaters are preferred. Accordingly the communication from the base station 11 is relayed via the radio repeater 14 to the mobile station 21b. Communications between the base station 11 and a second mobile station 21a that is within the coverage area of the base station are performed directly without radio repeater 14.

A basic radio repeater consists of a receiving and a transmitting section with at least two antennas, one covering the dead zone of the base station and another to carry out the communication with the base station. A typical use of radio repeaters is just to relay the received communications in a same channel, both downlink from the base stations to the mobile station and uplink from the mobile station to the base station. For economical reasons there is no sophisticated monitoring equipment usually included in the radio repeaters. Therefore in the prior art there is no way of getting any information about the operation of the radio repeaters to the network management system. This can cause situations where a radio repeater can be out of operation without the operator knowing it before receiving complaints from customers who have noticed that they have a dead zone in some area.

For the man skilled in the art an obvious solution to get more information about the function of radio repeaters would be to include sophisticated monitoring equipment in a radio repeater. This equipment could then be connected directly or through the base station to the network management system. This solution would however mean a considerable increase in the manufacturing cost of the radio repeater.

An object of the present invention is to provide a new method for detecting communication relaying network elements, like radio repeaters. The method can be utilised without any monitoring equipment in the element itself thus eliminating the above stated problems of the prior art.

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propagation time delays between a base station and a mobile station. Therefore the actual way of determining the timing advance is not relevant to the present invention.

In fig 7a and 7b two embodiment of a system 70 according the present invention are shown. In figure 7a the system is placed in a Base Station Controller 72 and in 7b the system 70 is placed in a Base Transceiver Station 74. The system 70 has I/O-interface 76 via which the system can communicate with the Network Management system 75 and monitor communications between BTS 74 and mobile stations 21a and 21b. Communication time delays between BTS 74 and mobile stations 21a and 21b are monitored and different relay elements identified by the processor 71. The program 73 saved in the memory 72 is used to control processor 71 so that the relay causing network elements can be detected and possibly identified using the method according the present invention.

The name of a given functional entity, such as the base station controller, is often different in the context of different cellular telecommunication systems. For example, in the UMTS system the functional entity corresponding to a base station controller (BSC) is the radio network controller (RNC). Therefore, the particular terminology used to denote various functional entities in this specification are only examples according to the GSM system, and do not limit the invention in any way.

In view of the foregoing description it will be evident to a person skilled in the art that various modifications may be made within the scope of the invention. While a preferred embodiment of the invention has been described in detail, it should be apparent that many modifications and variations thereto are possible, all of which fall within the true spirit and scope of the invention.

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VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

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Re Item VII

Certain defects in the international application

Reference is made to the following document: 1.

D1: WO-A-96/07250

2. Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the document D1 is not mentioned in the description, nor is this document identified therein.

Re Item VIII

Certain observations on the international application

The vague and imprecise statement in the description on page 9, lines 20 - 24 1. implies that the subject-matter for which protection is sought may be different to that defined by the claims, thereby resulting in lack of clarity (Article 6 PCT) when used to interpret them (see also the PCT Guidelines, PCT-Guidelines III, 4.3a). Therefore, this passage should be deleted.

However, a wording such as "It should be apparent that many modifications and variations of the invention are possible within the scope of the appended claims" is considered to comply with the PCT-Guidelines III 4.3a and Art. 6 PCT.

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The undersigned requests that the international application specified below be the subject of international preliminary examination according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty and hereby elects all eligible States (except where otherwise indicated).

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REPLY TO WRITTEN OPINION INTERNATIONAL PATENT APPLICATION NO. PCT/FI99/00724 APPLICANT: NOKIA NETWORKS OY

Dear Sirs,

Replacement pages for pages 2 and 9 of the description are attached. The points raised by the examiner (re item VII and VIII) are taken care of the amendments. D1 is now mentioned in the text on page 2, and the offending phrase has been deleted from page 9.

Yours faithfully, **BERGGREN OY AB**

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In figure 1b a floor plan identical to the floor plan in figure 1a is shown. However, in figure 1b a radio repeater 14 is placed so that the coverage area 15 of the radio repeater 14 covers the dead zone 13 of the base station 11, shown in figure 1a.

In figure 2 it is shown how a mobile station 21b, situated behind an obstacle 22 in a dead zone of the base station 11 communicates with the base station 11 via a radio repeater 14. When a mobile station 21b is used, the radio repeater 14 receives the communication and transmits it to the base station 11, typically using the same channel, although in some cases the use of channel changing radio repeaters are preferred. Accordingly the communication from the base station 11 is relayed via the radio repeater 14 to the mobile station 21b. Communications between the base station 11 and a second mobile station 21a that is within the coverage area of the base station are performed directly without radio repeater 14.

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A basic radio repeater consists of a receiving and a transmitting section with at least two antennas, one covering the dead zone of the base station and another to carry out the communication with the base station. A typical use of radio repeaters is just to relay the received communications in a same channel, both downlink from the base stations to the mobile station and uplink from the mobile station to the base station. For economical reasons there is no sophisticated monitoring equipment usually included in the radio repeaters. Therefore in the prior art there is no way of getting any information about the operation of the radio repeaters to the network management system. This can cause situations where a radio repeater can be out of operation without the operator knowing it before receiving complaints from customers who have noticed that they have a dead zone in some area.

For the man skilled in the art an obvious solution to get more information about the function of radio repeaters would be to include sophisticated monitoring equipment in a radio repeater. This equipment could then be connected directly or through the base station to the network management system. This solution would however mean a considerable increase in the manufacturing cost of the radio repeater.

The document WO 96/07250 describes various problems and arrangements regarding repeaters. However, those arrangements do not provide solutions for the present problems.

An object of the present invention is to provide a new method for detecting communication relaying network elements, like radio repeaters. The method can be utilised without any monitoring equipment in the element itself thus eliminating the above stated problems of the prior art.

propagation time delays between a base station and a mobile station. Therefore the actual way of determining the timing advance is not relevant to the present invention.

In fig 7a and 7b two embodiment of a system 70 according the present invention are shown. In figure 7a the system is placed in a Base Station Controller 72 and in 7b the system 70 is placed in a Base Transceiver Station 74. The system 70 has I/O-interface 76 via which the system can communicate with the Network Management system 75 and monitor communications between BTS 74 and mobile stations 21a and 21b. Communication time delays between BTS 74 and mobile stations 21a and 21b are monitored and different relay elements identified by the processor 71. The program 73 saved in the memory 72 is used to control processor 71 so that the relay causing network elements can be detected and possibly identified using the method according the present invention.

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The name of a given functional entity, such as the base station controller, is often different in the context of different cellular telecommunication systems. For example, in the UMTS system the functional entity corresponding to a base station controller (BSC) is the radio network controller (RNC). Therefore, the particular terminology used to denote various functional entities in this specification are only examples according to the GSM system, and do not limit the invention in any way.

In view of the foregoing description it will be evident to a person skilled in the art that various modifications may be made within the scope of the invention. While a preferred embodiment of the invention has been described in detail, it should be apparent that many modifications and variations thereto are possible.

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